

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A titanium target for sputtering comprising a titanium sputtering target in which an impurity concentration of gas components including oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen contained in the titanium target is 20ppm or less, and said target has a Vickers hardness (Vs) of 120 or less.

Claims 3-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A titanium sputtering target according to claim 2, wherein said target has a total content of alkali metals and ~~alkali~~ alkaline earth metals including Na and K of 5ppm or less, a total content of heavy metals and light metals of 10ppm or less, and a total content of radioactive elements including U and Th of 1ppb or less.

Claim 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): A titanium sputtering target according to claim 2, wherein said target has an average grain diameter of 20 μ m or less.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): A titanium sputtering target according to claim 9, wherein said target has an average grain diameter of $20\mu\text{m}$ or less.

Claim 14 (canceled).